

REMARKS

By this Amendment claims 1, 3-7, 10, 11, 13 and 14 are pending in the present application. Claims 4 and 5 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended and claims 2, 9, 12 and 15 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

I. Examiner Interview

Applicant's attorney wishes to thank the Examiner for extending the courtesy of conducting a telephonic interview of November 21, 2008.

II. Status Of The Claims

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,190,751 to Sylvester ("Sylvester") in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,383,570 to Sellew ("Sellew"). Claims 9, 12 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this amendment, independent claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 9, 12 and 15 and any intervening claims. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. **1948-4821**.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. **1948-4821**.

Respectfully submitted,
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